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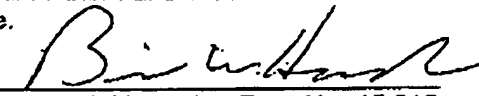
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2005 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on February 2, 2006. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for one-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to March 2, 2006. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.